

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT
FOR A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UNDER
THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: Waste Management of North Dakota, Inc./Big Dipper Enterprises, Inc. – Permit 0257

APPLICANT: Waste Management of North Dakota, Inc.
PO Box 218
Gwinner, ND 58040

BACKGROUND:

On May 27, 2020, and October 21, 2020, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a modification for the Waste Management of North Dakota, Inc. – Big Dipper Enterprises, Inc.'s (Waste Management) municipal solid waste landfill (MSW) facility. Waste Management submitted a revised application on June 2, 2021, and additional material on July 14, 2021. The additional material also proposed a change to the existing Phase II Closure Plan.

Waste Management currently owns and operates a MSW landfill facility, regulated under Permit 0257 on approximately 320 acres located in the W1/2 of Section 10, Township 132 North, Range 56 West in Sargent County, ND. Waste Management is proposing to modify their permit to expand the disposal into the North Development Area (NDA) and develop the proposed units as a small volume industrial waste and special waste landfill. The facility was first permitted in 1980 by Big Dipper Enterprises, Inc. and started operation in 1981. Waste Management purchased Big Dipper Enterprises in 1988. The existing permitted MSW landfill is described in a permit application submitted in 2012 and no changes are proposed for the existing MSW landfill.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to Waste Management of North Dakota, Inc. – Big Dipper Enterprises, Inc. and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33.1-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. The public comment period begins October 7, 2021 and ends November 8, 2021. During that time, any interested persons may submit written comments to the Department on the Draft Permit. The Department has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on the Draft Permit on October 25, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Gwinner Community Center (104 Main St.), Gwinner, ND. Prior to the public hearing, a public information meeting will be held 6:00pm. The hearing will be held if there is sufficient public interest pertinent to the proposed Draft Permit. Interested persons may request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised.

If sufficient interest is not raised and a hearing is not requested by October 21, 2021, the hearing will not be conducted. Please check <https://deg.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx> or call the Department at 1-701-328-5166 on or after October 22, 2021, for confirmation of the hearing.

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality will consider all comments prior to taking

any action on the permit. Comments, questions and written communication should be directed to:

Charles R. Hyatt, Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Waste Management
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503

Comments may also be sent via e-mail to solidwaste@nd.gov.

The Draft Permit and Permit Application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND. A copy of this Public Hearing Notice is also on the Department's website at: <https://deg.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>

Anyone requiring special access or accommodations to review the Draft Permit may contact the Department at 701-328-5166.